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President: Mr. Al-Nasser ..... (Qatar)

The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 113 (*continued*)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

The President (*spoke in Arabic*): As members will recall, the result of the tenth round of balloting, which took place at the end of this morning's plenary meeting (see A/66/PV.39), was inconclusive. The Assembly must therefore proceed to a fourth unrestricted ballot. This eleventh round of balloting is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

May I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Eastern European States may be a candidate except outgoing members, those already members of the Security Council, as well as those just elected. To make this clear, in addition to the permanent members of the Security Council, Bosnia and Herzegovina cannot be voted for in the present balloting.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting. In addition, ballot papers will be given only to the representative seated directly behind the country's nameplate.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Eastern European States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.25 p.m. and resumed at 3.45 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	193
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	193
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	192
Required two-thirds majority:	128
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	110
Slovenia	82

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern Europe States. We shall therefore proceed to a fifth

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.50 p.m. and resumed at 4.05 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	193
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	193
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	192
Required two-thirds majority:	128
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	111
Slovenia	81

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern Europe States. We shall therefore proceed to a sixth unrestricted ballot. This thirteenth round of balloting is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that ballot papers will be given only to the representative seated directly behind the country's nameplate.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Eastern European States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.15 p.m. and resumed at 4.25 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	191
Required two-thirds majority:	128
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	111
Slovenia	80

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern Europe States. We shall therefore proceed to a seventh restricted ballot. This fourteenth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Eastern European States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Azerbaijan and Slovenia. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Eastern European States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Azerbaijan or Slovenia, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.35 p.m. and resumed at 4.45 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	191
Required two-thirds majority:	128
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	110
Slovenia	81

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern Europe States. We shall therefore proceed to an eighth restricted ballot. This fifteenth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Eastern European States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Azerbaijan and Slovenia. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Eastern European States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Azerbaijan or Slovenia, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 p.m. and resumed at 5.10 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	193
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	193
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	193
Required two-thirds majority:	129
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	117
Slovenia	76

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern Europe States. We shall therefore proceed to a ninth restricted ballot. This sixteenth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Eastern European States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Azerbaijan and Slovenia. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that ballot papers will be given only to the representative seated directly behind the country's nameplate.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Eastern European States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Azerbaijan or Slovenia, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Baptista (Angola), Mr. Tegos (Greece), Mrs. Dockendorf (Luxembourg), Mr. Bonifaz (Peru), Ms. Popovici (Republic of Moldova) and Ms. Wairatpanij (Thailand) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.30 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	193
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	193
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	193
Required two-thirds majority:	129
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	116
Slovenia	77

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern Europe States. We shall therefore proceed to a seventh unrestricted ballot. This seventeenth round of balloting is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

I give the floor the representative of Slovenia.

Mr. Žbogar (Slovenia): We entered this race for a Security Council seat 11 years ago, and we believe that we are a good candidate and a good fit for today's Council. Our campaign was always for Slovenia and the values we represent. We were never campaigning against any other candidate.

We do not approve of the way this campaign was run, and we do not approve of the way these elections were held. However, the current result speaks for itself and the object of this body's support is obvious. I am therefore withdrawing our candidature. I want to thank all the countries that stayed with us for supporting us.

The President: Taking into account the statement made by the representative of Slovenia, we shall now proceed to the next unrestricted ballot, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Eastern European States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.40 p.m. and resumed at 5.50 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Eastern European States	
Number of ballot papers:	193
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	193
Abstentions:	24
Number of members voting:	169
Required two-thirds majority:	113
Number of votes obtained:	
Azerbaijan	155
Slovenia	13
Hungary	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, the following State was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning 1 January 2012: Azerbaijan.

The following five States have thus been elected members of the Security Council for a mandate of two years, beginning on 1 January 2012: Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Morocco, Pakistan and Togo.

I warmly congratulate the States that have been elected members of the Security Council, and I thank the tellers for their assistance in this election.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 113.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.